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I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 which would impede satellite radio carriers to provide real-time traffic and weather information. The FCC continues to make efforts to allow an oligarchy of the air waves that continues to drive people away from radio and ruin what the format potentially allows: a free and open exchange of ideas and information.

This blatant attempt by the NAB to prevent competition by satellite providers of something as basic as news and weather is just another sign that rather than trying to fix the problems with the current mentality of radio broadcasting, the government would rather protect mediocrity, closedmindedness and group think.

Do not continue to impede technology if the free market welcomes its demand.

Do not continue to nurse companies like Clear Channel to becoming leviathans of the airwaves and squashing their competition on their behalf.

Do not allow NAB's petition 04-160 to be passed.

Thank you for your time and consideration